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## **Sheriff Addresses County Executive Chris Abele Sighting**

**Milwaukee**, **WI** - Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke today sees it as an encouraging sign that County Executive Chris Abele has come out of hiding to address some serious issues facing Milwaukee County. In a statement released to Channel 12, County Executive Abele accused the sheriff of sensationalizing recent violent incidents on Milwaukee County bus routes.

## Statement from Sheriff Clarke:

"I find it encouraging that Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele has finally come out of hiding. He made a comment to Channel 12 about his view of leadership. I've learned in Leadership 101 that you lead from the front. County Executive Abele seems uncomfortable with being out front. But I realize that being the county executive is the first job serving others that he has ever held.

There was no need to sensationalize the caught-on-video incidents of abhorrent behavior on Milwaukee County buses. The videos speak for themselves. People can watch the videos and make their own assessments as to the seriousness of the incidents. I refuse to sugarcoat what's really going on in the streets and neighborhoods in the city of Milwaukee. I give people unvarnished information and trust that they can come to their own conclusions. Citizens are not stupid. I refuse to create an illusion for citizens that everything is okay, when it's not.

I doubt that County Executive Chris Abele has ever been on a Milwaukee County bus that travels through Milwaukee's central city. I have. I know that there are no bus routes along Lake Drive where he lives. He has no idea what life is like for people not living his lifestyle. Nobody has to create fear about the streets of central city Milwaukee. Not only is that fear real, it is warranted."

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